

November 5th, 1957

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Department of External Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Lesson 1

In May of 1957, the undersigned began negotiations with the Bureaux de Recherches de Pétrole (B.R.P.) for a participation on behalf of a group of Canadian companies in the oil development of the Sahara. These companies were to participate with Compagnie de l'Exploration Pétrolière, 12 rue Jean Nicot, Paris (controlled by the French Government interests). After numerous negotiations with the President of C.E.P., on the 7th of June, 1957 C.E.P. offered to sell, Blochfield's group a 10% participation in the Adrar region of the Sahara.

In 1957, C.E.P. submitted a draft contract to Mr. Bloomfield brought Professor Picard, a leading geologist, from France to work with C.E.P. and B.R.F.

On the 3rd of August, 1957, C.E.P. submitted a draft contract to Mr. Bloomfield and on the 5th of August, Mr. Bloomfield confirmed to the President of G.E.P. that he was prepared to sign the contract. On the 10th of September, 1957 C.E.P. submitted a definite contract to Bloomfield on behalf of his group. On the 16th of September, 1957, Bloomfield submitted to C.E.P. and B.R.P. a letter in which he outlined the participations of the Canadian group. It was understood agreed upon that a corporation bearing the title of "Interlocking Company Limited" was to be organized for the purpose of holding Canadian participations which were to be comprised as follows:

Continental Oil Company of Canada Limited (of which Mr. B. H. Bloomfield is President) and Credit Suisse (Canada) Limited (of which L.M. Bloomfield, Q.C. is President.)

Mr. Bloomsfield subsequently received a cable from the President of C.E.P., advising him to postpone the convening of the necessary shareholders' meetings in Canada.

It has been ascertained that the Direction des Carburants also a French Government company proposes giving the Canadian participation with C.E.P. to an American group on the ground that

Mr. Darius Robitaille,
Clerk of the Court,
Department of Citizenship
247 Guy Street,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Robitaille:

To further our discussions with rea
I am enclosing herewith an Affidavit sign
govitch, which sets forth all the pertin

You will note that as Mr. and Mrs. seen considered as returning residents, earlier enforced stays out of Canada do interrupt their residence in Canada while even though they may be absent over a time evidenced by the various entries of in charge.

The remaining question is one that last year in Canada prior to the hearing in this connection, our office notified Mr. [redacted] in 1956 of the possibility of the application being made three months in the Summer. On January 10, 1957, in replying to our communication, advised of her letter as follows:-

"I cannot say whether or not Mr. ...
be deemed to have met the residence require-
ment from Canada during the year immedi-
ately preceding the application upon which they would otherwise be qual-
ified for Canadian citizenship. That
was decided by the Court at the time of
the application."

Trusting this matter will receive
in the light of the circumstances, I re-

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American oil companies have greater resources and are more powerful than Canadian companies. Protests by the Canadian group were made by cable on several occasions. It is now understood from the group's agent in Paris that when the new French Ministry is formed a decision will be taken at that time.

November 6th, 1937

The writer proposes leaving for Paris immediately to protect the Canadian group's interests and in this connection it is respectfully requested that the active assistance and good offices of our embassy in Paris be made available.

Yours very truly,

L. M. Bloomfield, Q.C.

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Mr. H. M. Bloomfield,
Bloomfield & Perman,
1 Bonaventure Building,
Pavillon South,
Montreal,
Quebec.

Mr. Bloomfield being out of town, I am
copy of a letter dated November 5th,
from Mr. Berger this morning.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to -
L. M. Bloomfield, Q.C.

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